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SUBJ: SESSION AT MADRID BAR ASSOCIATION ENDS IN
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1. MADRID BAR ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 15 HELD AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING IN WHICH IT WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE NOTORIOUS DEC 14 VETO OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE WHICH LED TO THE CANCELANATION OF ITS ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS. AFTER MEETING OPENED, DISPUTE AROSE BETWEEN THE GOVERNING JUNTA AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OVER WHETHR THE SESSION WAS SIMPLY TO BE AN INFORMTIVE ONE ON THE MINISTER' S VETO OR WHETHER, AS MANY OF THE LAWYERS PRESENT HOPED, IT WOULD BE ONE IN WHICH THE BAR ASSOCIATION WOULD DECIDE ON FURTHER ACTION RE THE GOVERNMENT' S VETO, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE CONVOCACTION OF NEW ELECTIONS, NOTED OPPOSITION MONARCHIST LAWYER JAIME MIRALLES WAS QUESTIONING THE JUNTA WHEN HE WAS APPROACHED BY LUCAS MARIA DE ORIOL, BROTHER OF JUSTICE MINISTER ORIOL, WHO ALLEGEDLY HIT HIM IN THE FACE WITH A NEWSPAPER. AT THIS POINT SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS PRESENT ATTACKED MIRALLES WHILE OPPOSING GROUPS OF LAWYERS SHOUTED ACCUSATIONS AT EACH OTHER. THE MEETING WAS SUSPENDED ON THIS NOTE.

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2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SOME OBSERVERS, THE RUCKUS WAS DELIBERATELY PROVOKED BY CERTAIN RIGHTIST ELEMENTS (IT IS WIDELY BELEIVED WITH THE GOVERNMENT' S BLESSING) IN ORDER TO DISRUPT THE MEETING AND DISCREDIT THOSE IN THE BAR ASSOCIATION WHO HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT' S HANDLING OF THE SITUATION. OPPOSITION LAWYERS, SOME OF WHO ALSO REPORTEDLY PITCHED INTO THE FRAY, ALSO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT DISCREDITED AS A RESULT OF THE FRACAS. THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE THIS INCIDENT AS A PRETEXT FOR HALTING ANY MORE PROTEST ACTIVITY, OR OF SUSPENDING FOR THE TIME BEING ANY FURTHER ASSEMBLIES IN THE BAR ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, A FEW HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT A PETITION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE JUNTA SIGNED BY, INTER ALIA, OPPOSITION LAWYERS TIerno GALVAN, JOAQUIN SATRUSTEGUI, AND JOSE MARIA GIL ROBLES, ASKING THE JUNTA TO CONVENE NEW ELECTIONS FORTHWITH TO

REPLACE THE CURRENT INTERIM JUNTA OF OLD MEN.
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